

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1, before line 5.

--This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/238,551, filed January 28, 1999.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 5, and ending at page 18, line 7, as follows:

--The preparation process of the powder material according to the present invention will be described with reference to Fig. 4. As will be readily appreciated by one of ordinary skill in this art, though not described in detail below, reference numerals 306 and 307 indicate a conventional pressure gauge and a conventional relief valve, respectively.--